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BRIDGE ACROSS THE KANAWHA RIVER

FEBRUARY 3 (calendar day, FEBRUARY 5), 1925.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. LADD, from the Committee on Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 11255]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11255) granting the consent of Congress to the Kanawha Falls Bridge Co. (Inc.) to construct a bridge across the Kanawha River at Kanawha Falls, Fayette County, W. Va., having considered the same, report favorably thereon, and recommend that the bill do pass without amendment.

The bill has the approval of the Departments of War and Agriculture, as will appear by the annexed communications.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *January 9, 1925.*

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives.

The accompanying bill, H. R. 11255, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, proposing the grant of Federal authority to the Kanawha Falls Bridge Co. (Inc.) for the construction of a bridge across the Kanawha River at Kanawha Falls, W. Va., is in the general form of such measures adopted by Congress, and so far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to its favorable consideration.

The Kanawha River is, however, wholly within the limits of the State of West Virginia, and the proposed bridge can consequently be authorized by State law and duly constructed provided the plans are submitted to and approved by the Chief of Engineers and Secretary of War before construction is commenced, in conformity with the Federal law contained in section 9 of the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899. The enactment of this measure therefore appears to be unnecessary.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, January 15, 1925.

Hon. SAMUEL E. WINSLOW,
Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. WINSLOW: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 3, inclosing a copy of H. R. 11255 for report thereon and for such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill would authorize the Kanawha Falls Bridge Co., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of West Virginia, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Kanawha River at or near the falls of said river, close to the town of Glen Ferris, Fayette County. The proposed bridge undoubtedly would be a toll bridge, and would be located on a route included in the system of Federal-aid highways approved for the State of West Virginia, as at present designated. This department, therefore, would very much regret to see a toll bridge constructed at this point unless definite provision should be made in the bill whereby the State or its political or other subdivisions would have the right to acquire the same at any time on a basis which will be equitable both to the owners of the bridge and to the State or subdivision thereof, as the case may be, so acquiring it.

Sincerely,

C. F. MARVIN, Acting Secretary.